

Bill 6 (2018)

Early Testimony

Speaker Registration/Testimony

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 Council/PH Committee Budget
 Agenda Item Bill # 6
 Your position on the matter Support
 Representing Organization
 Organization Royal Hawaiian Center
 Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

Written
Testimony

I am in full support of Bill # 6 to remove the rolling mobile kiosks that promote commercial products on the sidewalks of Waikiki. Royal Hawaiian Center operates on one of the highest retail rent streets, Kalakaua Avenue, in the United States. Our retail shops and restaurants pay their taxes and strive to offer world class shopping, dining and cultural experiences. These mobile kiosk units are operating as a business and peddling on the sidewalk, which is illegal in Honolulu. They are not paying rent, which all other businesses have to do, and have an unfair advantage to undercut legal tour operators while obstructing and harassing our visitor and local pedestrians on our Waikiki sidewalks. The mobile kiosks are a nuisance and prevent the free flow of pedestrian traffic. Mobile kiosks are not operating in the spirit of Aloha or fairness to all the tax and rent paying tenants in Waikiki.

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 Council/PH Committee Budget
 Agenda Item Bill 6
 Your position on the matter Support
 Representing Self
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 Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

Written Testimony
 This extremely important bill is so very important.
 The ever increasing crowded sidewalks of Waikiki have
 A new obstacle and they are kiosks or you may call them podiums.
 These are in ever growing numbers and a few years ago there were none,now
 up to 15 of these structures .
 The users are placing them in the most critical passage areas .
 Blocking safe passage for all pedestrians and those using wheelchairs and
 other mobility devices intended for handicapped individuals.
 If not stopped now they will grow in numbers.
 Other cities have passed similar legislation. Which has successfully passed any
 and all court challenges.
 We must nip This in the bud now.
 I would appreciate your support of this as it will serve to enhance Waikiki safe
 sidewalks and passage for all.

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WAIKĪKĪ IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

**Testimony of Rick Egged
President, Waikiki Improvement Association**

Before the
**Honolulu City Council
Budget Committee
Wednesday, April 18, 2018**
In consideration, of

Bill 6 (2018)

Aloha Chair Ozawa and members of the Committee,

My Name is Rick Egged, representing the Waikīkī Improvement Association (WIA). The WIA is a membership organization consisting of land owners, hotels, retailers and restaurants in Waikīkī, the businesses that serve them and those interested in the future of this important part of our community and economy.

The Waikīkī Improvement Association (WIA) strongly support Bill 6 (2018), Relating to nuisances on public sidewalks. Bill 6 eliminates the sidewalk nuisance exceptions in Waikīkī effectively prohibiting what we are calling rolling kiosks.

Waikīkī provides roughly a little over 20% of all the taxes collected by the City and County of Honolulu. (Includes Waikīkī's share of property tax and TAT). Each year evaluations increase, over 30% in the last four years, providing the city with increasing contributions from our hotels and commercial properties.

The 12 to 15 mobile kiosks that are wheeled onto Waikīkī sidewalks each day to promote their merchandise and services are obstacles to the safe mobility and access of the almost 5 million visitors and residents that traverse these sidewalks each year. The mobile kiosks are stationed by the entrances to tax paying properties inhibiting access and visibility. These mobile kiosks are physical obstructions that annoy our visitors and actually impede pedestrian traffic. They cause a pedestrian inconvenience and compress the public on Waikīkī's crowded sidewalks. WIA believes Waikīkī's sidewalks are no place for these rolling billboards promoting their commercial products in the public right of way.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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TESTIMONY OF NEIL ISHIDA
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ABC STORES

April 17, 2018, 2018

Re: BILL 6 (2018) RELATING TO PUBLIC NUISANCES

Aloha and good morning Chair Martin and members of the Honolulu City Council.

My name is Neil Ishida, Director of Public Relations of ABC Stores. We have 37 stores in Waikiki.

ABC Stores strongly supports Bill 6.

We are seeing more and more rolling billboards popping up in front of our stores, on the sidewalks of Waikiki. They are physical obstructions that annoy our visitors and impede pedestrian traffic. They are an inconvenience, an eye sore, and a safety hazard, taking away from the image that we want showcased in Waikiki. Brochures passed out by Kiosks operators, are more often discarded, many onto our sidewalks. Waikiki should remain a pristine destination where visitors and kama'aina should be able to walk on clean, safe, and uncluttered sidewalks.

We were taught by our founders, Sidney and Minnie Kosasa, that running a business, particularly in Waikiki, is a privilege, not a right. With this privilege comes responsibility. The responsibility to take care of employees, landlords, pay our fair share of taxes, and to keep the business clean and inviting, which includes sweeping the sidewalks in front of our stores. Otherwise, we may lose that privilege. Unfortunately, the kiosk operators did not have the benefit of having such a lesson.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Organization
Organization	Waikiki Neighborhood Board
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	Yes
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 6
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Waikiki Beach Activities, Ltd
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Aloha City Council:

We have been activities at the Hilton Hawaiian Village since 1990. We support City Council Bill 6.

Written Testimony

Mahalo

Bob Hampton
Chairman

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H I G H G A T E

Testimony of

Rob Robinson
Complex Managing Director
Highgate Hotels

Vice Chair
Waikiki Improvement Association

Bill 6

Dear Council Members,

I have testified in person for all previous readings of this Bill, but unfortunately cannot be there today. Please accept my written testimony on behalf of Highgate Hotels which represents 6 properties and 3,000 guest rooms in Waikiki. I want to express our strong support for Bill 6. There are several key factors to consider as you make your decision:

Sidewalk Nuisance

The kiosks present a nuisance on our sidewalks. They obstruct public passage, create accessibility issues related to ADA, and harass our visitors with their presence.

Illegal Advertising

The kiosks are essentially a form of illegal advertising. Other businesses are not allowed to advertise on the sidewalks. They are not in compliance with WSD. We would face big fines yet the kiosks are currently allowed to have a presence.

Tourist/Visitor Impact

The visitors in our hotels utilize the legitimate tour and activity companies that operate inside our buildings. Our guests often purchase tours and activities from the hotel only to walk outside the building and be harassed by the kiosk operators. They are told that they can provide the same services at a lower price. This results in our visitors becoming angry with the hotel/feeling like they are being ripped off. We have to warn our guests about the kiosks. This sends a bad message about business in Waikiki.

Unwanted/Illicit Activity

These kiosks become mini hubs for undesirable activity. We frequently witness drug deals, illegal sale of merchandise, and unwanted behavior such as consuming alcohol taking place at the kiosks. The quality of the people hired to work the kiosks is questionable at best and is a bad image for Waikiki.

For all of these reasons, Highgate Hotels urges you to pass Bill 6 and make our sidewalks cleaner, safer, and more accessible.

Mahalo.